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In response to communications received on 10/17/06 from the BPAI upon the Examiner's Answer, filed on 6/19/2006, the proposed amendment(s) filed by Applicant on 2/16/06 has been received by the Office but will not be entered for purposes of appeal. The last amendment filed on 2/16/06, does not place the application in condition for allowance; Applicant has changed the dependency of some of the claims, and as a result, the scope of the claimed invention has been changed as amended, which raises new issues. The proposed amendments filed on 2/16/06 after final and after a notice of appeal are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. For at least the reasons cited above, the pending amendment will not be entered.

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